



Antitrust Litigation

The Willenken Firm has extensive experience defending individuals and corporations in criminal prosecutions and grand jury investigations of alleged violations of U.S. antitrust laws. This experience includes navigating the complex procedural maze of the amnesty and leniency programs promulgated by the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. However, when necessary, the Firm can draw upon its immense trial experience to mount a vigorous and aggressive defense on the merits.

The Firm has also managed the defense of multi-district private class actions that frequently follow the announcement of government investigations. The Firm's depth of knowledge in the field is further enhanced by the fact that several of our lawyers previously served as corporate in-house counsel, where they gained first-hand expertise in antitrust compliance. Our antitrust experience cuts across diverse industries, including technology, energy, pharmaceuticals, chemical, and health care. Representative matters handled by the Firm's attorneys are described below.

- Defended the American Red Cross against claims of illegal tying arrangements in the distribution of blood to hospitals.
- Defended chemical manufacturer against claims brought under the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act and California's Cartwright Act for alleged anti-competitive behavior.
- Represented utility company in antitrust litigation arising from the California energy crisis of 2000-2001.
- Defended foreign manufacturer in federal grand jury investigation into international price-fixing cartel.
- Defended computer manufacturer in prosecution for alleged bid-rigging in the procurement of government telecommunications contracts.

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